

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:10 PM.
  - A. **Introduction of Pages** – There were no pages for the evening.
  - B. Mark Teike of St. Peter's Lutheran Church offered the opening prayer.
  - C. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by the Mayor.
  - D. **Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell.  
  
Absent: None
  - E. **Acceptance of Minutes** from previous meeting – Ann DeVore moved to accept the minutes. Martha Myers seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. **Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

By request of the Mayor and unanimous consent of the Council, Item III., A was placed first on the agenda (See below for detail of the item).

- A. **Public Hearing on Phase II, Comprehensive Plan** – The mayor opened the public hearing and Roger Hunt gave a review of the process and the proposed changes for the final version of the plan. The Mayor solicited comments from the audience Beth Stroh, Lou Marr, Dean Smith, and John Hackett have all been closely following the development of the plan and are all on record as being pleased with the final version. John Brown pointed out that there is "citizen language" being kept in the plan regarding the National Road Corridor. The Council will consider the second and final reading of the plan at its May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Plan Commission will then receive the final version with council changes the June 5 meeting if passed at the May 8 meeting. The public hearing was closed.
- B. **Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2002, A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD TO DISBURSE FUNDS FOR "B" PRIORITY ITEMS IN THE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND."** Chuck Wilt presented the Parks case for the use of the "B" capital improvement items from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. **George Dutro moved to remove "3. \$85,000 to replace nine (9) sets of and three (3) individual exterior doors at the Commons." from the resolution. Martha Myers seconded. The amendment to the resolution passed with 5 ayes and 2 nays. The nays were from Council Members Hawes and Brown.**  
  
**George Dutro moved to remove "5. \$20,000 for a structural evaluation of the curtain walls within the Commons." Martha Myers seconded. The amendment to the resolution passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay from Council Member Brown.**  
  
**George Dutro moved to pass the amended resolution. Craig Hawes seconded. The amended resolution passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay from Council Member Brown.**
- C. **Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2002, A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PARKS VEHICLES."** Chuck Wilt explained that upon acceptance of Resolution # 8, 2002, this resolution allows the Parks Department to enter into an agreement through the Indiana Bond Bank to lease the listed vehicles in order to spread the cash flow for payment between 2 and 5 years. **Martha Myers moved to approve the resolution. Rob Kittle seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 nay from Council Member Brown.**

III. **New Business requiring Council Action**

- A. **Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2002, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7."** (NTN Driveshaft) Judy Jackson introduced Tom Fowler, Vice President of NTN Drive Shaft who reviewed the facts that NTN has been a Columbus based business since 1989 and since that time has grown from 60 to 760 employees. This expansion will result in the hiring of 156 more employees over the next two years. From 1999 through 2001 NTN has paid about \$5.5 million in property taxes. Craig Hawes stated that the Incentive Review Committee has reviewed this request and has found NTN to be in substantial compliance. John Brown stated that this \$70 millions investment in the current economic climate is "huge" for Columbus. Brooke Tuttl, President of Columbus Economic Development Corp. said that after the completion of this expansion NTN will have a plant that is 10 times the average manufacturing plant size. Mayor Armstrong thanked NTN for all of their contributions to the quality of life in Columbus. **Craig Hawes moved to this resolution for NTN who is the community's third highest tax payer already and who will employ over 900 jobs for Columbus area residents after this expansion. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- B. **First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2002, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 53.34 ACRES, LOCATED SOUTH OF JONATHAN MOORE PIKE, BETWEEN BREX PARK ROAD AND CARR HILL ROAD, FROM B-5 (GENERAL BUSINESS) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT), WITH COMMITMENTS AS SPECIFIED.” (Menard Rezone) Roger Hunt introduced Art Beck who was representing Menards as local legal counsel. After some discussion regarding the conditions, **Martha Myers moved to place the ordinance in proper channels. Rob Kittle seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.****

IV. Other Business

- A. Chief Gary Henderson gave a report on Medic One billing. Handout was distributed and made part of the record. Chief Henderson was pleased with the results of bringing the billing in-house. However, annual comparisons are not yet available as collections are lag behind billings and the city has not completed a full year for evaluation.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports were given for informational purposes.
- C. **Regular Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2002 due to the Primary elections on May 7.**
- D. **Adjourn** – Martha Myers moved for adjournment. John Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer